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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - a) a nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1;
 - b) a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2; and
 - c) a nucleotide sequence complementary to (a) or (b).
- 2-7. (Canceled).
8. (Allowed) A vector pCR2.1citAint, comprising:
 - a) an internal fragment of the citA gene having a length of 481 bp, as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3;
 - b) the restriction map of which is reproduced in figure 1; and
 - c) deposited in the E. coli strain Top10/pCR2.1citAint (DSM No. 13998).
9. (Allowed) An internal fragment of the citA gene having a length of 481 bp, as set forth in SEQ ID NO:3.
- 10-20. (Canceled).
21. (Currently Amended) An isolated nucleic acid consisting of a fragment of at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1 or ~~the a~~ a fragment of at least 30 consecutive nucleotides of the full complement of SEQ ID NO: 1.
- 22 -25. (Canceled).
26. (Currently Amended) A vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1, ~~24, and 25~~ and 21.
27. (Previously Presented) A host cell comprising the vector of claim 26.
28. (Previously Presented) The host cell of claim 27 that is a prokaryotic cell.